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- C. The Air Force further calculates that peak production--
13 planes a month--should be reached by the end of
'57, and that 247 of the jet heavies should be built
by the end of '57.
- D. Range of the Type 37 (Map), in round-trip flight from
Soviet Siberian bases (without benefit of "in-flight"
refueling) covers the continental US in an arc from
Santa Barbara to Duluth.

III. Rehearsals for Sunday's air parade have also shown
Western observer an entirely new large Soviet plane.

- A. This is a four-engine (turbo-prop) swept-wing plane,
of heavy bomber size and configuration:
1. The intelligence community is at a loss to ex-
plain Soviet construction of a turbo-prop heavy
"bomber."
 2. The jet-powered Type 37 is already in production
and a large high-performance cargo plane (suitable
for modification as an aerial tanker), rather
than a second class of heavy bombers, would
seem a more urgent Soviet military need.
 3. As can be seen (Map), possession of an aerial
tanker would substantially improve the range
and flexibility of the Soviet long range Air Force.
 4. A further twist to this puzzle is the fact that the
Soviets have not exhibited a new four-engined cargo
plane of any kind for the past 8 years (when the
IL-18 and TU-70 were flown on May Day '47).

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